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LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the appalling conditions of ESI hospitals in the country particularly in the capital;

(b) whether the Government have paid scant attention to the conditions in these hospitals;

(c) whether there are complaints about shortage of doctors, staff etc. in most of ESI hospitals;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to streamline the working of these hospitals?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 332 FOR 16.8.2000 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN ESI HOSPITALS.

The conditions of ESI hospitals and their working in the country, particularly in the capital, is generally satisfactory. However, there have been sporadic complaints about shortage of doctors, nurses, medicines, drugs, dressing equipments etc. in the ESI hospitals. The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests in the State Governments/UT administration except in Delhi and NOIDA where it is being administered by the ESIC direct. Therefore, such complaints as and when received, are forwarded to the concerned State Government for taking appropriate remedial action. Recently in order to bring improvement in the working of all ESI hospitals the ESI Corporation had formulated an Action Plan which includes, inter-alia, upgradation/modernization of medical facilities in the ESI hospitals. This Action Plan was forwarded to the State Governments for implementation in consultation with the Corporation. Necessary funds in this regard, as required by the State Governments, have since been released by the ESI Corporation. As regards shortage of Staff in ESI hospitals, the concerned State Governments are requested from time to time to fill the vacant posts as per the norms prescribed by the ESI Corporation.